

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19
Samuel hears the call of God and responds:
“Your servant is listening.”

Responsorial Psalm 39:2. 4. 7-10
Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15.
17-20

Use your body for the glory of God, for it is
the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:35-42
Jesus invites two budding disciples to
come and spend time with him.

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Weekday Cycle II

“Come and see.”

A mondegreen occurs when someone mishears a word or phrase, giving it a completely new meaning. The lyrics to songs are particularly susceptible to mondegreens. Bob Dylan’s, “The answer, my friend, is blowin’ in the wind”, becomes: “The ants are my friends, they’re blowing in the wind.” “Oh, say, can you see by the dawn’s early light” becomes: “Jose, can you see by the donzerly light.” Many people apparently believe “donzerly” is a real word. And famously on the long-running BBC comedy show *The Two Ronnies*, a labourer walks into a hardware store and asks for what sounds like four candles, until the frustrated storekeeper eventually realises the man is asking for “fork ’andles – handles for forks”. Understandably, children are prone to mishearing, especially when it comes to religious phrases: “Our Father, who art in heaven, Harold be thy name” is a classic. Or in the Hail Mary: “blessed art thou a monk swimming”. We are all liable to mishear and misunderstand.

Today’s readings are about the importance of hearing properly, about listening with the heart. The boy Samuel mishears as he is lying on his bed. When the Lord calls him, he mistakenly believes it is his guardian Eli calling him. Only after the third call does Eli finally understand that what Samuel is really hearing is the call of God. Samuel’s response – “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening” – indicates the prerequisite for the perfect disciple: a commitment to listening to the voice of God and carrying it out. In fact, we are told that not only was the Lord with Samuel, but that the Lord let no word of Samuel’s “fall to the ground” – an indication that Samuel was so in tune with the Lord’s voice, with the Lord’s mind and intentions, that everything Samuel spoke rang true and came to pass. Authentic hearing results in authentic speaking and acting.

In the Gospel, the two disciples of John the Baptist are also in listening mode. They have committed to following John in response to an inner call from God. And yet now John, in effect, sends them away to listen to the voice of another – Jesus, “the lamb of God”. It’s not that they have been mishearing by listening to John. But John knows that a deeper listening is now needed, that there is someone better to listen to, someone – as John would go on to say – more powerful than he, someone filled with God’s Holy Spirit. The two disciples go home with Jesus at about 4 p.m. and spend the rest of the day with him, listening to him. And Jesus’ words, like Samuel’s, are

Service Times & Intentions

Saturday (St Michael’s)	16 Jan	5.30pm	Nora and Wally Price RIP
Sunday (St Michael’s)	17 Jan	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Helen’s)	17 Jan	11.00am	Edward Stasiukiewicz RIP
Tuesday	19 Jan	12.00pm	Special Intentions (MM)
Wednesday (St Michael’s)	20Jan	12.00pm	Cyril Howitt RIP
Thursday	21 Jan	12.00pm	Blanche Neale RIP
Friday	22 Jan	12.00pm	Peter Worrall RIP (Barnsley Catenian)
Saturday	23 Jan	12.00pm	Patrick Edwards RIP (Clowne)
Saturday (St Michael’s)	23 Jan	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday (St Michael’s)	24 Jan	9.00am	Kathleen Newell RIP
Sunday (St Helen’s)	24 Jan	11.00am	Andrew J Marren RIP

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effective: in those few hours, they transform Andrew so dramatically that he is able to say to his brother Peter: "We have found the Messiah." They have found what their inner voice had called them to look for.

How do we become good listeners to the Lord? How do we allow ourselves to become transformed by God's Word – by Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh? Perhaps primarily, like those two disciples, we need to spend time with the Lord. That's not a skill, it's simply a discipline, a commitment.

But there are ordinary human skills that can help us tune in to the voice of God and allow it to change us. As with listening to another human being, when listening to the Lord, we need to get rid of distractions – the sound of TV and radio, switching off the phone perhaps. The best listening happens when we are alert but attentive: putting our body in an upright but comfortable position helps. Keep an open mind – the "open ear" of today's psalm – try to set aside preconceived ideas or expectations, because it's easy to mishear and misunderstand, to impose our own meanings, our own preconceived ideas. And don't interrupt – listening means exactly that.

Communicating with God isn't the same as holding a two-way conversation with a human being, but the essentials are the same. It's about relationship, trust, openness, quality time and listening with the heart to what is really being communicated. God's Word is ultimately a person – Jesus Christ. When we listen to the Lord, when we encounter the Messiah, our lives are changed. Because the Lord doesn't communicate facts or data – the Lord communicates God's self: God's love, God's life, God's mercy. When we allow ourselves to "hear" those things, be touched by them, they evoke a response in us which goes beyond mere words: they change our lives.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Amy Moore, Paddy McNicholas, Peter Hutchinson, Clare Dingwall, Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, Andrew Chandler.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/ Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

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Gift Aid

A number of our parishioners have queried their contributions for the last tax year, especially those who paid by Standing Order. The missing information has now been forwarded to the Gift Aid Coordinator in Leeds, who will make the necessary adjustments. Please accept my apologies for the error.

If there is anyone who is able to take on the role of Parish Gift Aid Coordinator, that would be a great help. I am looking for someone for the tax year beginning 6th April 2021. Please let Fr Declan know if you are able to assist.

Marion Harrison

CAFOD Volunteers Required.

Join our CAFOD Volunteer Team: Just a few hours a month could help us to share updates and enable our parish community to take action for global justice. Please help us to keep the conversations about human rights, social justice and climate action going, and stay connected with those who are impacted by poverty and injustice. You will be supported by Angela Powell, our local CAFOD worker for the Diocese. Contact Angela for more details apowell@cafod.org.uk or sign up here www.cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Sign-up

Mass Offerings

There are plenty of Masses available for your intentions, especially for weekday masses. Please use one of the specially printed envelopes from the back of church, or you can send an email or telephone.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne	Pray for us
Blessed Robert Ludlam	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Garlick	Pray for us
Blessed William Richardson	Pray for us
O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help	Pray for us